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COMMITTEE ON OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 429
Matomic Building, Central Intelligence Agency
at 9:30 am, 4 October 1961

PRESIDING



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MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. H. M. Wiedemann, State	Col. J. M. Winterbottom, AFCIN
Col. J. L. Cole, JCS	NSA
Col. D. D. Davis, OACSI	Mr. W. A. Tidwell, CIA
Cdr. H. D. Myles, ONI	

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CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Cdr. H. H. Skidmore, ONI
Lt. Col. G. S. Chapman, AFCIN



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*Mr. A. C. Lundahl, NPIC

Mr. F. A. Voigt, CIA

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Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes of 22 September 1961 (COMOR M-47) were approved subject to the following corrections:

- a. Delete the C/A codewords which do not apply.
- b. Add to the reference in the caption to paragraph 3 - COMOR-D-47/3.

The COMOR also approved COMOR-M-48 subject to the addition of the name of Cdr. H. D. Myles, ONI, among the members present.

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Security Handling of Satellite Reconnaissance Products (Reference: COMOR-D-49, [redacted] 19 September 1961, Draft)

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2. The COMOR had a preliminary discussion of the reference paper as well as the NSA comments previously distributed to the members as [redacted] 21 September 1961, it having been agreed by General Cabell and General Breitweiser that such discussion might usefully proceed. The Committee agreed to take into account the data and the argument presented at the meeting, to study the matter further, and to try to reach a solution to the problem at the next meeting.

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Ready Condition for U-2 ELINT Equipment (Reference: COMOR-D-50, [redacted] 28 September 1961)

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3. [redacted] Intel/DPD, explained that System VI is a normal complement of any U-2 photo recce missions and therefore is always in a ready condition. [redacted] OSI, after consideration felt that System IV was not a major concern of Dr. Scoville but rather System VII, a system which had been used [redacted] missions and with which at the same time photographic equipment could not be carried (except for tracker). [redacted] indicated that there is only one System VII available. The Committee recommended that the System VII equipment should be kept in a ready condition, although it recognized that one could not at this time foretell the circumstances in which it might be used because of factors bearing upon the base from which it would be flown in any case and the problem of seeking approval. Note was taken of the fact that the Collection Priorities Committee had earlier recommended, (subsequently approved by the United States Intelligence Board) that System VII be used peripherally [redacted]

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Possible Targets for U-2 Coverage in Novaya Zemlya and Franz Joseph Island

4. Mr. Tidwell, CIA, called attention to new information which suggested the location of ICBMs in the subject areas. This was discussed briefly and the suggestion will be taken into account in future consideration of requirements as appropriate.

Statistics on KH Coverage of USSR

5. [redacted] NPIC, called attention to the numerous questions NPIC was receiving regarding the amount of KH coverage of the Soviet

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Union. He noted that different agencies were producing different answers to this sort of question with resultant confusion. The Advisory Committee to NPIC was planning, he said, to examine whether the agencies could agree on criteria which each might apply in answering this sort of question. Mr. Wiedemann, State, considered that the acquisition of agreed statistics on this question was important. On behalf of the Committee the Chair requested [] to keep the COMOR apprised of the NPIC Advisory Committee's findings on this question so that the COMOR might make known its views if indeed it had any.

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James Q. Reber

Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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